

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
U.S. Application No. 10/657,196

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### REMARKS

Claims 21-37, 40, 42, 43, 46, 48 and 50-63 are all the claims that have been examined in the instant application.

By this Amendment, Applicants are amending claims 22-26, 28-31, 34, 36, 40, 42-43, 48, and 53-62, are canceling claims 37 and 50-52, and are adding new claims 64-66.

### Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 21 and 35 are allowed.

### Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

*Claims 22-34, 36-37, 40, 42-43, 46, 48, 50-63 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.*

The informalities noted by the Examiner have been corrected. Thus, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

### New Claims

Applicant is adding new claims 64-66. Claims 64-66 are dependent from claim 40, and are patentable at least by virtue of their dependency.

### Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the

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Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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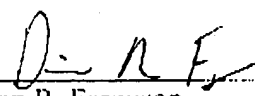
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